



# THE ELKHORN

Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052

August/September 2024



To my fellow Elks,

I would like to start by saying that Lodge #2052 had an eventful past two months. Many prosperous events were achieved by hard working, dedicated Elks who believed in Elkdom. Thank you to all who volunteered and sacrificed their time. You are fantastic!

First, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, #2052 had Flag Day. There was a huge turnout by 83 people in the crowd consisting of 30 veterans from the Healing Place, 10 Boy Scout honor guard, and Master Trumpeter, Steve Buttleman, performed. Many members and public also attended this patriotic ceremony. Brunch was served later. Thank you to Jodi Duce and the many ladies who volunteered serving brunch. What a great Flag Day at the Elks!

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Car Show/Elvis concert for M.S. was at the Lodge. The Car Show was a total success making a lot of money for the M.S. charity. What a great turnout from members and the public who survived the heat. A huge thank you to all who entered a car, or contributed money, or just volunteered their time for this worthy cause. Thank you so much for being an Elk!

June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the Elks National Convention in Austin, TX. The convention named Douglas Schiefer, from Bucyrus, OH, Lodge #156, as the 2024-25 newly elected G.E.R. There were 21 resolutions the Grand Lodge adopted and members can find more information about these resolutions on the

Elks website. What an honor it was to sit with fellow E.R.s and represent #2052. Thank you to Janet Marlin and Jodi Duce, who also attended.

July 20<sup>th</sup>, the lodge hosted the Kids with Cancer fundraiser. The band “Caribou” performed all night. There was a silent auction. 50/50, and raffle to help with donations for this worthwhile charity. We were also honored to have our State President, Greg Swinney, and the gracious First Lady, Lisa, in attendance. I want to thank all the members who gave them a heart felt “Welcome”. I’m sure they had a lot of fun. Thank you to all members who donated to the silent auction and volunteered help to Brenda Solley to put on this most important event. Elks Care, Elks Share!

Finally, September 14<sup>th</sup> the lodge will host the Down Syndrome of Louisville charity event from 7-10pm. The band “Gold Brick” will perform their music. This will be a night of fun and dancing. Anyone who would like to donate a basket in the silent auction or money, please contact Helen Rosenbaum ASAP. There will be a \$15 entry fee and you are able to bring your own snacks. Please come out and support this charity of love.

In conclusion, we’ve worked hard these past two months promoting our lodge and the image of Elkdom. Our tireless devotion to the lodge, and each other, exemplifies the Elks motto, Elks Care, Elks Share. Thank you to all who have made this lodge the best in KY and we can only continue forward in our endeavors to help our fellow American! We are the Elks!

Thank you sincerely,

*Jackie Lowe,* Exalted Ruler

**Elks Care — Elks Share**

## LODGE OFFICERS

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Exalted Ruler.....    | Jackie Lowe        |
| Leading Knight.....   | Dave Schoenbachler |
| Loyal Knight.....     | Bob Swoboda        |
| Lecturing Knight..... | Mary Ruckriegel    |
| Secretary.....        | Carol Swoboda      |
| Treasurer.....        | Sharon Buren       |
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| Chaplain.....         | Fran Sapienza      |
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|                       | Greg Deuser        |

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| Community.....         | Richard Rosenbaum           |
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| Soccer.....            | Bob Swoboda                 |
| Veterans.....          | Jodie Duce                  |
| Youth Activities.....  | Debbie Wood                 |

Another FIRST event for our lodge! We discovered that several of our members were turning 69 this year, and we decided to celebrate their birthdays. Of course, the party was held on June 9 (6-9) from 6:00-9:00 (6-9). Everyone brought snacks and there were plenty specialty drinks for the occasion. We had a great time with our members celebrating 69 years - Bob Swoboda, Terry Vitt, Helen Rosenbaum, Jodi Duce, and Claire Weldon. HAPPY BIRTHDAY and best wishes for many more!



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# Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>





**The ladies of the lodge hosted an ice cream social at the Beehive Home of Lyndon on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The residents enjoyed the flavors of chocolate, vanilla, and rainbow sherbert. Of course, some included the caramel and/or chocolate topping, along with the whipped cream to complete the yummy experience. Each of the 14 residents who attended the social were given a decorative lei to keep. Their smiles and gratitude, along with wonderful conversation, made this a very enjoyable visit for all.**



**If anyone is interested in joining in future visits to the Beehive Home of Lyndon, please contact Terry Vitt. All are welcome.**



## Flag Day

Flag Day was a wonderful event at the lodge on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We had thirty veterans from the Healing Place along with other veterans and lodge members who attended. Troop 40 from St. Paul United Methodist church was our Honor Guard and assisted with the burning of the flags. Steve Buttlesman was our bugler who played taps for us. Our lodge officers were present and did a great job with the ceremony. It was a beautiful ceremony! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this event!



# A Champion in the Fight Against MS

Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052 donated its largest amount ever to help fight multiple sclerosis (MS) this year. The Lodge has been an avid supporter of the mission for many years. It's a mission that 2022-2023 Lyndon Elks Member of the Year Britt Weatherby is very passionate about, and his motivation to spearhead a variety of events throughout the year to raise money for the National MS Society. Proceeds benefit research and programs for those living with MS. On May 11, 2024, Weatherby and his daughter presented a check from Lodge #2052 for \$15,000 to the Society's Indiana-Kentucky-Tennessee chapter at Walk MS Louisville, one of the non-profit's main fundraising events. This topped last year's donation of \$10,000.

Weatherby's fundraising started out with a 50/50 raffle during Lent Friday fish fries at Lodge #2052. He has since expanded his efforts to cooking for Lodge dances, selling his popular ribs and hams for holidays, and providing all the food for the Annual Concert & Car Show at the Lodge. He's championed the cause that's not only important to him but other Lodge members whose lives have been touched by MS.

When Weatherby's daughter was diagnosed in 2008, there were only six medications available. There are now more than two dozen treatment options thanks to research made possible through funding and donations. Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052 is proud to be a part of moving us one step closer to finding a cure for MS!





# Thank You Notes...

...to Smith Swain for putting in the new water heater and not charging any labor! And for keeping the yard clear of branches. You are a good Elk!

... to Joe Bisig for putting on our Karaoke on Fridays. Also for the extras he does such as helping the Treasurer get her printer working (after 2.5 hours of frustration) and for getting the POS working which ended up to be a plug that was not engaged in the outlet... what would we do without your help?! Not to mention the new battery charger. Thanks for all you do!

... to Dave Pepper from Lodge 8 who continues to generously donate to our charities as well as Lodge 8's.

... to Mike Wilson for sanding down all the picnic tables before the Flag Day Celebration and all the other projects he takes on to make our Lodge a better place.

... to Jodie Duce for organizing the Vets attendance from the Healing Place. She has really stepped up to the plate and each Veteran Event has been a home run! She does a great deal on the side that no one sees.

... to Mary Ruckriegel for working so hard on the Grants. She and Fran Sapienza have done a great job. Fran has retired from the position and is being replaced by Judy Webb.

... to all the hard workers who organized and worked together for the Annual Concert and Car Show. Bob & Carol Swoboda, Britt Weatherby, Rick Ward, Debbie Wood and the list goes on. It was another successful fundraiser for MS. It was such a hot day but they still had smiles on their faces! All the volunteers were greatly appreciated.

... to Bill Roth for saving the day by unjamming the Keno machine. What would we do without you?

... to Tom Solley for the fantastic fireworks display. A lot of the expense comes from his pocket so people need to appreciate his generosity and donate more money next year. Thanks to Mike Jenne, Brandon Solley and Hambone for assisting and singing the Star Spangled Banner!

... to Mike McNatt for keeping the lawn mowed and yard picked up. He is here often twice a week making sure things are done. He is a special and greatly appreciated Elk.

... to Jackie Lowe for weed eating, cleaning the Pavilion, cleaning the Hall floors, tear down and set up tables and chairs. For the great food on Wednesdays. He is always willing to help wherever need.

... to Wendall, whose last name escapes me, and Dave Pinotti who help with Yard work as well.

... to all the bartenders who put together food on the nights they work to keep us all fed and happy. You are the best.

... to the Convention Committee that worked so hard to put together this big event. Richard and Helen have jumped through hoops to get a venue for the banquet and found a good one. Now we can breathe easy for a year and half when we start work on the next one!

... to Carol Swoboda for making the Treasurers job easier and more organized. You have made a difference in my ability to sleep at night! The CPA is quite happy too!

... to all the members who make our Lodge a fun place to meet and socialize. It is important to be able to come to a place where you feel safe and loved. We have an amazing Elk family.

... to Nicole Herndon for not only continuing to do a great job on the Newsletter but putting together a great program, etc., for the Convention. She is amazing in talent and creativity!

**WE COULDN'T DO IT  
WITHOUT YOU!**



## Key West or Bust 2024

It was a really fun night! The band was wonderful, as well as all the dancing! Just wanted to catch you up and thank some folks who really made a difference.

I want to thank Sandy McNeil for getting me started and helping me throughout this event. Thanks to Steve Stanley for our band and for taking care of all the seating. Thanks to the gals who helped me put many of our baskets together: Lori Vick, Missy Elkins & Zoe Dean. Thanks to the ladies that helped me carry all those baskets to the Lodge: Jodie D, Kathy Piell, Peggy D & Fran S. Kathy Piell also did an excellent job overseeing our big silent auction and what a BIG job that is.

A shoutout to our great bartenders who were busy all night and those folks who came in to help them. You also couldn't get in the door without these girls: Peggy and Terry! A special thank you to Helen Rosenbaum who painted the picture of 'The Girl on the Beach'. It was raffled off and we made good money, thank you Helen!

I can't get through this event without thanking Mary Beth Stewart who has been donating items to me since last year. My hat is off to you my dear. Thanks to all the folks who got the fun job of setting tables up for the evening, taking them down after the event, and cleaning up. This is definitely not a one person show. Lots of folks joined in to help!

Thanks to Gary Mac and Connie Metzmeier for selling 50/50 tickets and yellow raffle tickets. A big thank you to all the people that couldn't attend but still sent their money in for the tickets as a donation. Oh my gosh, can't forget Debbie Wood for decorating the entire hall. It looked very festive. A big thank you to all the people who sent donations, some small and some large. You know who you are and they all add up. Thank you!

A big thank you to Commerical Properties for donating our \$500 Grand Prize. The winner of the Grand Prize was a member named Mary. She is the sister of Shelly Powell. Congratulations! Also our 50/50 contained a pretty good amount of cash and that went to our 98 year old member, Helena Kuhn.

In closing I would like to thank my poor husband who had to put up with all this stuff in our home. He also ran errands for me and fed me. He's a doll and many of you know Tom Solley. Time to go on vacation! It was a fun night and thank you again. Caribou will hopefully be back next year. It's time for me to pass the torch to another, and I don't know all the details, but I'm sure it will be fun and exciting. Over the 13-ish years I have chaired this event, we figure we have made over \$100,000 for the kids. Let's keep it up!

**Brenda Solley,** Event Coordinator

**Update:** At the time of this newsletter's creation, the event was up to \$13,000 raised and additional silent auction baskets were still to be counted!











Well, the Easter Bunny hopped in and hopped out just like Spring. And I'm hopping embarrassed I missed the deadline for the last Elkhorn to give a shout out and thank you for another successful kids' easter party. A visit enjoyed by all, from the kids to the adults. A huge thank you to all those who volunteered in making the Kids' Easter Party a fun filled day! From planning to decorating to cooking to clean up! You're awesome! We had some new volunteers who joined us this year, the more the merrier! Thank you!

How about the awesome balloon artist, the kids loved her! Hope to see her again!

When it comes to generosity, we are at the top. A big thank you to everyone who donated candy, chips, treats, etc. There was plenty to go around. We are truly blessed with such giving members.

And a shout out to Rickie Block "aka" the Easter Bunny!!! Thank you! What a hopping good time we had.

Thanks,

*Debbie Wood*, Youth Activities

## Save the Date

Volunteer to help with our kids' annual

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>**



What is Trunk or Treat?

It's when Elk members get together in the parking lot, open and decorate the trunk of their car, and kids come around to each trunk and Trick or Treat!

What a great way to provide a safe and fun night for all the children.

Volunteers are always appreciated! Help with the food, decorating, treat bags.

AND of course there is a need for cars! "aka" trunks. Show off your creativity and decorate your trunk!

Let's make this community event fun for our Elk members' and neighborhood kids. Let the community see what the Elks are all about!

Details and Signup sheets will be posted the first week of September. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or you would like to help, see or contact Debbie Wood, 502-836-9572.





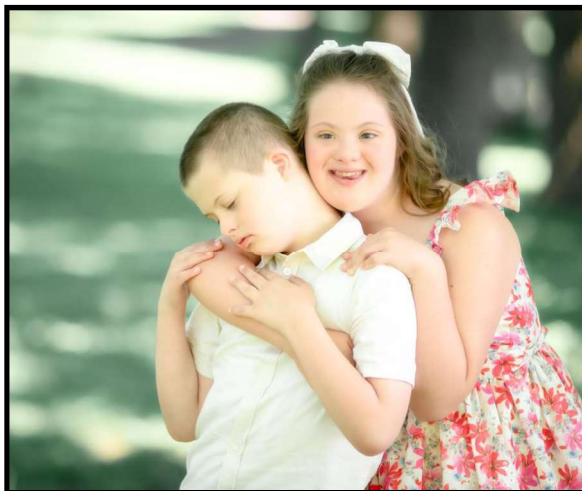
*Dearest Elks Family,*

*Down Syndrome of Louisville has been a crucial part in our family's journey. Because when a child is born with that extra chromosome, the first words parents often hear are, "I'm sorry". However, when DSL steps in, it is all about celebrating the child, surrounding you with love, support, education and community. DSL was established with love and it continues to do so till this day. When Lola (14) and Oliver (11) were born, DSL was there on day one! With Lola it was all a surprise and we just didn't know what to expect. DSL was there to guide and support us along the way. Even when Oliver was born, we knew about his diagnosis in utero; and yes, DSL was there!*

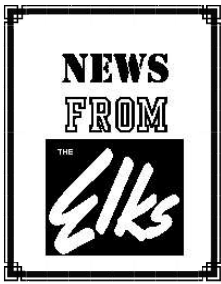
*DSL brings so much love and support and advocacy to its members and their families. As a non-profit, they are able to continue to do so with the support of the community. We would love for you to join us on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in sharing love and support for Down Syndrome of Louisville and the DSL community at our annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Come enjoy a night out with friends, enjoy the music of Goldbrick and dance the night away!*

*~The Royal Rosenbaums*

*\*\*Any basket donations for Silent Auctions will be greatly appreciated! Please leave them at the lodge.\*\**







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*See ya at the Elks*

“Let’s Meet  
at the  
Lodge!”

### **Upcoming Events**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - KY Mid-Year Convention  
August 17<sup>th</sup> - Amber Martin Band  
September 14<sup>th</sup> - Down Syndrome Fundraiser